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1. FOLLOWING MUSAWWAR SUGGESTION THAT NATIONALIST PARTY BE REESTABLISHED (REFTEL), AHRAM BOARD CHAIRMAN ALI HAMDI EL GAMAL ON JUNE 23 ADVOCATED ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW (BUT UNNAMED) POLITICAL PARTY BASED ON PRINCIPLES OF JULY AND MAY REVOLUTIONS. NEW PARTY, ACCORDING GAMAL, MUST BE ESTABLISHED WITH "DEFINITE POLITICAL PLATFORM" TO ATTRACT MASS SUPPORT.

2. GAMAL CRITICIZED MUSTAFA KAMAL MURAD'S OFFICIAL RIGHT PARTY FOR ITS INABILITY ARTICULATE ANY PHILOSOPHY. SAME, HE MAINTAINED, TRUE FOR SALEM'S CENTER PARTY, WHICH HAS YET TO DECIDE WHETHER IT IS LEFT OR RIGHT OF POLITICAL SPECTRUM. ONLY LEFTISTS, SAID GAMAL, HAVE ESTABLISHED COHERENT IDENTITY.

3. ACCORDING GAMAL, THIS VACUUM ENABLED WAFDIST TO ESTABLISH THEIR PARTY AND ATTEMPT TO CAPITALIZE ON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PEOPLE'S HARSHIPS. WAFD'S "SAVAGE ATTACKS" PERVERTED DEMOCRATIC PRACTICE AND FORCED SADAT TO STEP IN TO CORRECT ERRORS.

4. PRESS SEPARATELY REPORTS CENTER PARTY ORGANIZING "NATIONAL DIALOGUE" DURING COMING MONTH, WHICH WILL LEAD TO ADOPTION CODE OF ETHICS. "TASK FORCES", HEADED BY

GOVERNMENT MINISTERS, WILL BE ORGANIZED IN EACH GOVERNOR-ATE. PROCESS TO CULMINATE WITH JULY 15 PARTY CONFERENCE AND JULY 22 CENTRAL COMMITTEE SESSION.

5. COMMENT: CENTER PARTY'S EFFORTS TO ORGANIZE SERIES OF CONFERENCES THROUGHOUT COUNTRY IS APPARENT RESPONSE TO WIDESPREAD CRITICISM THAT IT HAS BEEN UNABLE TO DEVELOP GRASS ROOTS SUPPORT. HOWEVER, DIALOGUE ON CODE OF ETHICS UNLIKELY TO EFFECT THIS. GAMAL'S CRITIQUE OF PARTIES IS ACCURATE, BUT HIS PRESCRIPTION (ORGANIZATION OF YET ANOTHER PARTY AROUND AMORPHOUS POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY) WILL NOT FILL POLITICAL VACUUM. EILTS

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